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In re the Application of:

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FIBEROPTIC SENSOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 2: